



THE VISION AND GOAL

By the year 2007, the regional economy of Hampton Roads will be diversified, creating opportunities for our citizens to be employed in high quality jobs. With diversification of the economy will come the full flowering of the region's physical and human assets.

On its four-hundredth anniversary In 2007, Hampton Roads will be . . .

- America's gateway, the premier port on the nation's eastern seaboard
- the defense establishment's primary strategic location on the east coast
- a maritime community with unique shipbuilding and ship repair capabilities
- a center of advanced technological research, engineering, and manufacturing
- a globally competitive tourism destination
- the model wellness community of the eastern United States

. . . and Hampton Roads will be renowned for its

- superior multi-modal transportation system
- strong support network for business and manufacturing
- excellent system of schools and universities
- high quality of life and culture
- sound government and committed community leaders

By 2007, the region's unique and human strengths will be recognized as the foundation of Hampton Road's premier ranking as a globally competitive and internationally oriented marketplace.